

PRESENT:

MAYOR:

Matt Reimer

COUNCILLORS:

Councillor Louanne Caza Councillor Wendy K. Weller Councillor Bonita Culhane Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft

ALSO PRESENT:

CLERK-TREASURER:

Jason Georgeoff

AUDIENCE:

Approximately 12 members of the Public

1. Opening of Regular Meeting by the Head of Council / Ouverture de la reunion par le Maire.

Mayor Matt Reimer opened the meeting at 7:05pm and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Additions/Deletions/Adoption of the Agenda/Ajouts/Suppression/Adoption de l'ordre du jour.

Moved by Louanne Caza Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft 78/2020 Agenda Adoption

THAT the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 be adopted.

Carried

- 3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest / Déclaration de conflit d'intérêt None
- 4. Minutes of Previous Meetings / Procès-verbal des reunions précédente

Moved by Louanne Caza Seconded by Bonita Culhane 79/2020

Council Meeting

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft Seconded by Louanne Caza

80/2020

Special Meeting

THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday February 26, 2020 be adopted.

- 5. Matters arising from the minutes / Affaires découlant du process-verbal.

 None
- 6. Deputation / Délégations None
- 7. a) Submitted Questions / Questions soumises
 - b) Audience Question

Question: Why are we not dealing with animal control problems? Response from Mayor Matt Reimer: We are working on it.

Question: What is the status of 2018 Financial Information Return? Response from Clerk-Treasurer Jason Georgeoff: It is underway and an update will be provided at the next regular council meeting.

8. Correspondence, Information / Correspondance, Information

Moved by Wendy K. Weller Seconded by Louanne Caza

81/2020Correspondence

WHEREAS there is a significant amount of correspondence received at the Township through paper and electronic form;

AND WHEREAS the Clerk forwards this correspondence to Council who may request that specific correspondence items be included as business for discussion on a meeting agenda;

AND WHEREAS correspondence is included as business for discussion on a meeting agenda upon any request from a member of Council or at the discretion of the Clerk;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the below list of correspondence items, which have been forwarded to Council, be received for information:

- a) Letter from Canadian Heritage informing the Township of their successful funding application to the Celebration and Commemoration Program, Celebrate Canada Component for a contribution in the amount of \$2,160 towards the local Canada day event.
- b) Letter from the District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board (DTSSAB) regarding requests from municipalities that DTSSAB take on a lead role in administering and developing a Community Safety and Well Being Plan which has been mandated under the Police Services Act.
- c) Letter from Embridge Gas Inc. seeking letters of support and information from communities that are not served with natural gas so that project proposals can be submitted to the province for funding through the Natural Gas Expansion Program.
- d) Event advertisement for the 2020 AMCTO Municipal Clerks Forum.
- e) Event advertisement for the 2020 AMCTO Municipal Leaders' Forum.
- f) Event advertisement for AMCTO's 82nd Annual Conference.
- g) Event advertisement for the 2020 AMCTO Municipal Licensing and Law Enforcement Forum.
- h) Event advertisement for the 2020 Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) Conference.

- i) Event advertisement for the 2020 AMO Annual General Meeting and Conference.
- j) Event advertisement for the 2020 Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM) Conference & Trade Show.
- k) Letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing announcing the provincial government's new provincial policy statement which affects official plans, zoning by-laws, and other planning decisions.
- Letter from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services regarding their Poverty Reduction Strategy and encouraging the municipality to promote a survey to residents (visit ontario.ca/povertysurvey to complete the survey).
- m) Email from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry promoting a comprehensive guide on solid wood bioheat for rural and remote communities in Ontario.
- n) Memo from Tribunals Ontario specifying a fee increase for appeals to the Assessment Review Board.
- o) Email from Municipal Information Systems Association (MISA) Ontario to promote a webinar hosted by the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) which focuses on broadband internet targeted to small and medium sized municipalities.
- p) Email from Municipal Information Systems Association (MISA) Ontario regarding awards to be presented at the 2020 MISA Ontario Annual Conference & Trade Show.
- q) Letter from the Ministry of the Solicitor General (and subsequent email from staff) regarding the municipality's non-compliance with the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.
- r) Email from the E4M Support Team providing details about a policy drafting workshop focusing on an Accountability and Transparency Bylaw.
- s) Letter from the Temiskaming Federation of Agriculture encouraging municipalities to send letters in support of Bill 156 to protect farm animals, farms, farmers and their families, and the safety of the entire food supply by addressing the ongoing threat of unwanted trespassing and from unauthorized interactions with farm animals.
- t) Letter from the County of Haliburton seeking endorsements from municipalities in support of their resolution regarding tourism oriented designation signage fee increases.
- u) McGarry Water & Wastewater Systems Quarterly Operations Report by Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA).
- v) Correspondence from the Town of Bracebridge regarding their motion of support for the ban of single-use disposable wipes.
- w) Email from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to invite input on proposed regulatory changes related to the extraction of aggregate resources.
- x) Email from the Ministry of Transportation indicating that the reference to an unorganized township seen within their recent aggregate permit application was an error that has now been corrected.
- y) Email from the County of Prince Edward to advise of their motion to support the Quinte Conservation Authority.
- z) Email from the County of Prince Edward to lobby the Federal Government to review the regulations related to consumer packaging on single-use wipes.
- aa) Email from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks notifying of organizational changes that affect municipal drinking water system owners and operating authorities.
- bb) Correspondence from the Temiskaming Municipal Association seeking endorsements for their resolution in support of increasing the winter maintenance on Highway 11 in order to reduce the frequency of accidents.
- cc) Letter from École catholique Jean-Vanier seeking bursaries for graduates who will be pursuing post-secondary studies.
- dd) Correspondence from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), the Timiskaming Forest Alliance Inc. (TFAI), and the Kirkland Lake and Timmins Local Citizens' Committees (LCC) providing invitations to information centers being held as part of the detailed planning of

operations for the ten-year period of the 2021-2031 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the Timiskaming Forest.

Carried

9. Council Reports / Rapports du conseil

Councillor Wendy K. Weller

Property Standards

Property Standards Committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm here at the Community Centre. At the present time the committee is asking for two (2) more members of the public to fill the committee. The committee is presently looking at our out dated By-Laws and asking our town clerk to help with the details and re-writing of these By-Laws. The By-Law Officer has been busy with the 2019 – Snow By-Law.

Strategic Planning

Strategic Planning Committee meets on the last Tuesday of the month at the Community Centre at 7:00pm. All are welcome. Presently the committee has one (1) empty chair. If you would like to apply, please go to the municipal office and fill out a form. The committee is presently looking at a new phase for our water front and looking at what new business could open up in McGarry Township. The updating of the official plan and zoning by-law is now being worked on by a consultant.

Councillor Louanne Caza

Recreation

Recreation held their last meeting March 3, 2020. We discussed our mini winter carnival to be held on Saturday March 21, 2020 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. We will have hot dogs, coffee, juice, ice cream sundaes and s'mores. There will be activities indoors and outdoors. We will have musical chairs, spot dances, egg toss, tug of war and sliding. Ice sculpture will be judged on March 20, 2020 and prizes will be giving out at the Carnival. Next meeting is April 7, 2020. Everyone is welcome.

Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft

Library

No report

Tourist Committee

The committee is working on plans for the McGarry Country Jamboree that will take place at the Virginiatown Community Centre on September 5, 2020. At this time we are having a Hank William Tribute, the Awesome Possom, Rita K'arrell and working on getting a Conway Twitty Tribute, the Vallaincairt Family and Jason McCoy. The committee has also planned a couple of activities to raise money for the Jamboree. We are having an all you can eat Pancake Breakfast on April 11, 2020. We are also having a Sip & Paint at the Legion on May 9, 2020. Our next meeting is April 1, 2020 at 7:00pm in the meeting room and all meetings are open to the public.

Police Committee

The Police Committee is having a meeting tomorrow March 11, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room. We are having an information session on Crime Stoppers. An Information session on phone scams was scheduled but unfortunately the person wasn't available. We will have the phone scam information

session on May 6, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room. Meetings are open to thepublic and information session ideas are welcomed.

Councillor Bonita Culhane

Public Works

We have had 2 major water breaks in North-Virginiatown. Both fixed following day. Thanks to Public Works staff and the residents who were patient and understanding. Grader declared surplus has not been advertised for sale as of this date. Garbage truck is still out of commission. Decision will be discussed as to how we move ahead. Options included in the internal staff report - #10 item "p". Snow removal is ongoing, melting season will arrive soon.

Fire-Police

l attended the monthly meeting of February 23, 2020. Two members have tendered resignations. On behalf of the brigade and all residents we thank them for their time and service offered as a volunteer fireperson. If interested in joining, applications are available. Probationary period is required to be served. Training and gear supplied. Next meeting is March 29, 2020 and is not open to the public.

Mayor Matt Reimer

Attended meetings

10. New Business:

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft Seconded by Louanne Caza 82/2020 Recreation Committee

THAT the Minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on Tuesday January 7, 2020 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Louanne Caza 83/2020 Tourist Committee

THAT the Minutes of the Tourist Committee meeting held on Thursday January 2, 2020 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft Seconded by Louanne Caza 84/2020 Strategic Planning

THAT the Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday January 28, 2020 be adopted.

Moved by Wendy K. Weller Seconded by Louanne Caza 85/2020 Emergency Program

WHEREAS Section 2.1 (3) of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act requires that, in developing its emergency management program, every municipality identify and assess the various hazards and risks to public safety that could give rise to emergencies and identify the facilities and other elements of the infrastructure that are at risk of being affected by emergencies;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Township of the Township of McGarry adopts the Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment document, as prepared, to form part of the Township's emergency management program.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft Seconded by Louanne Caza 86/2020 Emergency Act

WHEREAS Section 2.1 (3) of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act requires that, in developing its emergency management program, every municipality identify and assess the various hazards and risks to public safety that could give rise to emergency and identify the facilities and other elements of the infrastructure that are at risk of being affected by emergencies;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Township of McGarry adopts the Critical Infrastructure List document, as presented, to form part of the Township's emergency management program.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza Seconded by Bonita Culhane 87/2020 Official Plan

THAT Council accepts the Official Plan & Zoning By-Law Update Report for information purposes.

Carried

Move by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft 88/2020 Privacy Act

WHEREAS the Office of the Information and Privacy Commisioner/Ontario investigated the Township of McGarry and published *Privacy Complaint Report – Privacy Complaint MII7-3*;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Council accepts the said report for information purposes;

AND FURTHER that Council directs the Clerk to complete training as per the recommendation provided in the report.

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft Seconded by Wendy K. Weller 89/2020 MFOA

THAT Council accepts the MFOA Municipal Action Plan by Marmak for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Wendy K. Weller 90/2020 TMA

WHEREAS the member municipalities of the Temiskaming Municipal Association (TMA) have been pressing the provincial government to enforce public safety and reduce the horrendous amount of accidents on Highway 11 in this area by increasing winter maintenance;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Township of McGarry fully endorses the TMA in their effort to petition the Ministry of Transportation to enhance the level of service on Highway 11 by lowering the circuit times of the snow plow and combination plow/sander unit routes to 1.6 hours;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Ontario Minister of Transportation, and all member municipalities of the TMA.

Moved by Wendy K. Weller Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft 91/2020 Bill 156

WHEREAS correspondence has been received from the Temiskaming Federation of Agriculture asking municipal councils to send letters for Bill 156, Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Township of McGarry wishes to show support for Bill 156 by authorizing the Mayor to sign and send the letter attached to and forming part of this resolution.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft Seconded by Bonita Culhane 92/2020 Police Act

WHEREAS the Police Services Act requires that municipalities adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan by January 1, 2021;

AND WHEREAS the District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board (DTSSB) has advised that they have received resolutions from five municipalities requesting that the DTSSAB takes on a lead role in administering and developing a district wide Community Safety and Well-Being Plan;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Township of McGarry requests that the DTSSAB assumes the lead role in administering and developing a district wide Community Safety and Well-Being Plan;

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Wendy K. Weller 93/2020 Animal Control

THAT Council accepts the Animal Control Service Report for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by Wendy K. Weller Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft 94/2020

Animal Control

WHEREAS Council deems it desirable to deliver animal control services;

AND WHEREAS the Township does not have personnel in place to deliver the said services;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Council directs staff to request proposals from animal control services providers.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft Seconded by Bonita Culhane 95/2020

Marina Transfer

THAT Council accepts the Marina Land Transfer Report for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft 96/2020 Land Transfer

WHEREAS the Township has committed resources to a property acquisition process as detailed in the staff report named Marine Land Transfer Report;

AND WHEREAS Council maintains that it is still desirable that the land transfer process be completed;

NOW THEREFORE Council authorizes staff to move forward, finalize the process, and cover the other party's legal fees.

Carried

Recorded vote requested by Councillor Bonita Culhane

Mayor Matt Reimer No
Councillor Wendy K. Weller Yes
Councillor Louanne Caza Yes
Councillor Bonita Culhane Yes
Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft Yes

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Wendy K. Weller 97/2020 Garbage Truck

THAT Council accepts the Garbage Truck Report for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft Seconded by Wendy K. Weller 98/2020 Revitalization

THAT Council accepts the Main Street Revitalization Initiative Report for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft 99/2020 Funding

WHEREAS the Township entered into a funding agreement with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);

AND WHEREAS the deadline to expand the funds is March 31st, 2020;

AND WHEREAS AMO has offered to extend the deadline to October 31st, 2020;

AND WHEREAS project specifics have not yet been formally identified;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Council hereby authorizes staff to request proposals for the project design and construction;

AND FURTHER that Council hereby establishes the following project scope in order of priority with the understanding that all components may not be possible to accomplish within the allocated budge:

- To construct an accessible/universal washroom in the community center
- To construct accessible entrances/exists in the community center

AND FURTHER that if all of the foresaid priorities have been accomplished and allocated funds remain unspent, then Council delegate's authority to the Clerk-Treasurer to determine additional project components that specifically relate to accessibility enhancements at the community center.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft 100/2020 Accessibility

THAT Council accepts the *Accessibility for Ontario with Disabilities Compliance Report* for information purposes.

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft Seconded by Wendy K. Weller 101/2020 Disabilities Act

WHEREAS Council has reviewed the requirements prescribed by the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA);

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Council directs staff to develop a draft multi-year accessibility plan and an accessibility policy, and make the documents available for public comment before final approval by Council in April 2020;

AND FURTHER that Council directs staff to implement a training program on accessibility laws.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft 102/2020 Report

THAT Council accepts the *Virginiatown-Kearns Drinking Water System 2019 Annual/Summary Report* by Ontario Clean Agency (OCWA) for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft Seconded by Wendy K. Weller 103/2020 Enbridge

WHEREAS correspondence has been received from Enbridge Gas who are requesting that the Township submit a letter of support if there is interest in moving a natural gas expansion project forward for consideration under the Government's Natural Gas Expansion Program;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Township of McGarry deems it desirable to expand natural gas infrastructure to the residents of the Township of McGarry through a project named The Township of McGarry Natural Gas Project;

AND FURTHER that Council wishes to submit a letter of support that is similar to the letter attached to and forming part of this resolution.

Carried

Moved by Wendy K. Weller Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft 104/2020 ECJV

WHEREAS correspondence has been received from École catholique Jean-Vanier seeking bursaries for graduates who will be pursuing post-secondary studies;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Township of McGarry wishes to authorize the contribution of 2 bursaries in the amount of \$100 each for students pursuing post-secondary studies after graduating from École catholique Jean-Vanier.

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft Seconded by Bonita Culhane 105/2020 ECJV

WHEREAS correspondence has been received from École catholique Jean-Vanier (ECJV) seeking bursaries for graduates who will be pursuing post-secondary studies;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Township of McGarry wishes to select the following member of Council to present bursaries at the ECJV ceremony on June 17th, 2020.

Carried

11. Passing of Accounts:

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Wendy K. Weller 106/2020

Passing of Accounts

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

JANUARY

Payroll

\$27,023.59

General

\$176,910.01

Carried

12. Passing of By-Laws:

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft Seconded by Wendy K. Weller 107/2020

By-Law #2020-15

THAT A By-Law to establish a freedom of information and protection of privacy routine disclosure and active dissemination policy be considered read three times and passed this 10th day of March, 2020 and numbered By-Law No. 2020-15.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

108/2020

By-Law #2020-16

THAT a By-Law to appoint a Head for the purposes of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection or Privacy Act (MFIPPA) be considered read three times and passed this 10th day of March, 2020 and numbered By-Law No. 2020-16.

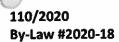
Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft 109/2020

By-Law #2020-17

THAT a By-Law to amend By-Law #2016-12 being a by-law to regulate the proceedings of the Council of the Township of McGarry be considered read three times and passed this 10th day of March, 2020 and numbered By-Law No. 2020-17.

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft Seconded by Wendy K. Weller



THAT a By-Law to authorize the execution of an amendment to a funding agreement with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) be considered read three times and passed this 10th day of March, 2020 and numbered By-Law No. 2020-18.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft 111/2020
Previous Closed Session

WHEREAS Council realizes the importance of reporting back to the public in an open session, to the extend possible, about what occurred in a closed session;

AND WHEREAS closed sessions were held on February 11th, 2020 and February 26th, 2020;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Council wishes to advise the public of the following details regarding the closed sessions:

During the closed session on February 11th, 2020, a discussion took place regarding an appropriate temporary rate of pay for the Librarian Assistant while fulfilling the role of Library CEO for the interim until the return of the staff member from a leave of absence. The conversation required that past performance be discussed. The conversation also identified other individuals since additional options were considered for fulfilling the vacancy. During the closed session on February 11th, 2020, another discussion occurred about exceptional circumstances that pertained to an identifiable resident. The disclosure of the circumstances required so that an informed decision could be made in regards to waiving their water and sewer fees. During the closed session on February 26th, 2020, 2018 audit findings were presented which required the identification of current and past staff members.

Carried

13. Closed Meeting:

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft Seconded by Bonita Culhane 112/2020 Closed

That the Municipal Council hereby moves into Closed Session at 8:53 p.m. as per Section 239 of the Municipal Act to discuss the following:

- A staff member's performance as they are due to move up on the pay grid (Municipal Act-Section 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees)
- Conversation may be required regarding closed meeting minutes for February 11th, 2020 and February 26th, 2020 (Municipal Act- Section 239(2)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations and Section 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal, including or local board employees)
- The policy names Agreement Between Employees and the Township of McGarry (Municipal Act- Section 239(2)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations)

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft 113/2020 Out of Closed

THAT Council come out of closed meeting at 9:35p.m.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft 114/2020 Previous Minutes

THAT the meeting minutes pertaining to the closed session held as part of the regular council meeting on February 11th, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft Seconded by Bonita Culhane 115/2020 Previous Minutes

THAT the meeting minutes pertaining to the closed session held as part of the regular council meeting on February 26th, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Wendy K. Weller 116/2020 Agreement employees

WHEREAS Council has reviewed the staff report names Review of the Agreement between Employees and the Township of McGarry Report;

AND WHEREAS Council has reviewed the existing policy named the Agreement Between Employees and the Township of McGarry.

AND WHEREAS some technical issues with the policy have been identified;

AND WHEREAS it is important that clear direction is provided until the time that the policy is revised;

NO THEREFORE be it resolved that Council accepts the report for information purposes;

AND FURTHER that Council directs staff to revise the policy to ensure that it reflects current/past practice;

AND FURTHER that Council directs staff to revise the policy to ensure that it reflects current/ past practice;

AND FURTHER that Council wishes to clarify, for the purposes of the policy, that part-time employees are considered to be those who are regularly scheduled to work less than 24 hours per week;

AND FURTHER that Council wishes to clarify, for the purposes of the policy, that part-time employees are not entitles to compassionate leave, bereavement, sick leave / personal emergency leave (sick days), jury duty, and floaters.

Carried

14. Confirmation By-Law / Confirmation des règlements municipaux

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft Seconded by Bonita Culhane 117/2020 Confirmation

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be considered read three times and passed this 10th day of March, 2020 and numbered By-Law 2020-19.

Carried

15. Adjournment:

Moved by Wendy K. Weller Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft 118/2020 Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Carried

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CLERK-TREASURER